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TO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL BELIZE IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, GT, UK, GH

SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE

1. SECRETARY VANCE AND BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN DISCUSSED THE BELIZE PROBLEM DURING THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO LONDON IN APRIL. AT THAT TIME, SECRETARY TOLD OWEN THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER SOUNDING OUT THE GUATEMALAN MINIMUM TERRITORIAL DEMAND.

2. SECRETARY HAS REVIEWED THE MATERIAL THE GUATEMALAN FONMIN LEFT WITH HIM DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE GUATEMALANS REGARDING THEIR MINIMUM TERRITORIAL DEMAND. TO THIS END, YOU SHOULD MAKE  
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AN APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH FONMIN TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH HIM.

3. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN OF CONCERN TO US FOR SOME TIME, AND THAT THE TERRITORIAL ASPECT APPEARS TO BE THE ONE CAUSING MOST DIFFICULTY. WE ARE CONCERNED LEST THE NEGOTIATIONS DRAG ON INCONCLUSIVELY, OR

WORSE YET, REACH AN IMPASSE ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE.

4. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT OUR ACTION IN SOUNDING OUT  
GUATEMALA'S POSITION ON TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS DOES NOT

MEAN THAT THE U.S. IS PROPOSING TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF  
MEDIATOR. RATHER WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH THE  
GUATEMALANS TO SEE IF THERE MAY BE SOME ROOM FOR MANEUVER  
ON THIS THORNY QUESTION. VANCE

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